

Engineering Services Contract Draft RFP Questions/Comments					
Question Number	Section	Clause #	Para #	Questions/Comments	Response
1	L	L.31	(b)	L.31(b) requires that electronic copies be prepared in Office 2007 format. Is Office 2003 format acceptable since it is easily readable in both Office 2003 and Office 2007 environments?	Office 2003 format is not acceptable. See response for question 2 for format changes of non-cost volumes.
2	L	L.31	(b)	L.31(b) states that the electronic copies must be in MS-Office 2007 format while L.31(j) and L.31(k) require PDF format. Which is required? We recommend the PDF format for the non-Cost volumes for exactly the reasons given in L.31(j). We cannot control the fidelity of the MS-Office format documents since they do not reflect the printed page.	Article L.31, paragraph (b) will be corrected in the final RFP to reflect "Electronic copies for non-cost volumes shall be submitted in Adobe Portable Document File (PDF) format. The cost volume shall be submitted in native MS-Office 2007 formats (i.e., MS-Word and Excel)."
3	L	L.31	31.1	Table L.31-1 indicates that the Key Terms, Abbreviations, and Acronyms are limited to 5 pages and included in Volume VII. Does this list encompass the entire proposal and is it your intent that we not include such a list in the other proposal Volumes?	This document will encompass the entire proposal. A list of key terms, abbreviations, and acronyms is not permitted in other volumes.
4	L	L.31	31.1	Table L.31-1 indicates a 15 page "Internal Surveillance Plan" in Volume VII yet this plan is not described in the Section L instructions or in Section M. What is to go in this plan? A Quality Plan is required in Volume III. Is this the same Plan?	The Quality Plan and the Internal Surveillance Plan are not the same plan. Content requirements for the Internal Surveillance Plan are contained in DR 008. Content requirements for the Quality Plan are contained in DR 026.
5	L	L.32	32.3.2	Section L.32.3.2 requires a Quality Plan that is compliant with requirements of PWS 1.2. PWS 1.2 covers Safety and Mission Assurance, only a small part of which (PWS 1.2.9) is concerned with Quality. Is it sufficient to address the Quality Plan to this section of PWS 1.2.9 since the Safety and Health Plan is a separate document?	The Quality Plan shall address the Quality requirements specified in PWS section 1.2.9 and the requirements contained in Quality Plan DR 026.
6	L	H.40		H.40 requires that we provide enhancements and implementation approaches described in PWS Appendix G and identified by the Contracting Officer. The PWS Appendix G in the DRFP states that these are provided by the Offeror. Is the offeror to propose new enhancements or has the Contracting Officer determined what enhancements are required?	The Contracting Officer has not pre-determined which enhancements are required. Language in this article is written for the model contract. Any enhancements and implementation approaches proposed by the offeror and accepted will become Appendix G to the PWS. If no enhancements are proposed or accepted, then clause H.40 will be deleted from the final contract.
7				What contracts are being consolidated for the KSC/ESC and who are the incumbents for these contracts?	The ESC contract will be comprised of portions of the following contracts as well as new requirements: University-affiliated Spaceport Technology Development Contract (USTDC) awarded to ASRC Aerospace, Life Sciences Services Contract (LSSC) awarded to Dynamac Corp., Shuttle Processing and Operations Contract (SPOC) awarded to United Space Alliance, Institutional Services Contract (ISC) awarded to EG&G, and Checkout & Assembly Payload Processing Services (CAPPS) awarded to Boeing. The ISC and CAPPS are option labs.
8	B	B.6	(b)	Section B-6 (b) (1) pages 26-27 (Special Cost Requirements) of the subject draft RFP states: "Notwithstanding the terms of Section 1 clause, FAR 52.216-7 Allowable Cost and Payment, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for the indirect costs in excess of the established ceilings, per Government fiscal year, as shown in Table B.6-2" Does this clause apply to first tier subcontractors or any subcontractors?	The cost reimbursement indirect rate ceilings shall apply to all cost reimbursement subcontractors.
9				Will the Prime Contract Manager for the ESC Contract manage, or have input to, the planning and design effort associated with the major infrastructure (water, sewer, telecom, paved surfaces) transformation that KSC will be subject to in support of the Constellation Program?	The ESC contract is not expected to have a role in the infrastructure projects cited in this question.
10				We've noticed an approximate current headcount for USTDC of ~600. We are at an "incumbent disadvantage" not knowing the split between baseline and IDIQ work. Can you provide this?	The USTDC contract is a 100% ID/IQ contract. It does not have a defined baseline content.
11				Why isn't the incumbent contractor OCI'd out of this proposal due to their significant constellation (and related work)?	In accordance with the Organization Conflict of Interest and Limitation of Future Contracting clauses in the ESC Draft RFP, all offerors will be required to provide an acceptable OCI plan. The ESC is not a follow on contract, however, a portion of the work currently being provided under the USTDC contract will continue under the ESC.
12				What is the current headcount supporting the current ESC contract? Will the headcount change for the new contract?	The ESC contract is a new contract. It is not a follow-on. The headcount for the ESC will be dependent on the technical/management approach of the successful offeror.
13				What contract will manage the labs that are in FY14 option between FY10 - FY14?	The Institutional Services Contract (ISC) or Space Program Operations Contract (SPOC).
14				Why did the final RFP release date move forward? If it was released in early Jan 2010, it would not disrupt the Christmas Holidays.	The procurement schedule is set to ensure that the ESC contract can be awarded for a phase-in that begins July 2010.
15				MIDAS - Which KSC contracts have used or are currently using MIDAS?	USTDC is currently using MIDAS.
16				MIDAS - Can the Contractor propose their own or another similar system?	Yes. Reference L.32.1, Section 2 - Contract Management, paragraph 4.
17				MIDAS - What cost accounting systems does MIDAS integrate with?	MIDAS currently integrates with Costpoint.
18				MIDAS - Can this system be integrated with the contractor's cost accounting system?	MIDAS does have some flexibility to integrate with other Cost Accounting Systems (CAS).
19				MIDAS - Can we have access to this system during the RFP phase to understand total system functionality?	No. The system contains proprietary data.
20				Are Small Businesses excluded from conflict of interest of participating in multiple contracts?	No. All businesses regardless of size are subject to OCI considerations.
21				Will the past and current USTDC task orders be released prior to the issuance of the final RFP?	Yes. Some are in the KSC electronic FOIA reading room and others will be placed in the ESC technical library prior to release of the final RFP.
22				The KSC policy for OCI Mitigation and Avoidance states that potential OCI issues may exist on the KLXS contract. Can this potential OCI concern be mitigated via a strong OCI plan with techniques such as Organizational Strategies (financial and personnel chains of command), Firewall, Physical Separation, or Subcontractor Substitution?	The issue of OCI mitigation is too complex for the Government to prejudge mitigation strategies in such general terms. Any potential offeror with OCI issues in connection with the KLXS contract, for example, should be prepared to address these issues thoroughly in their OCI Mitigation Plan. The Government will evaluate the detailed mitigation strategies provided at that time. For more OCI information see H.14 NFS 1852.209-71 LIMITATION OF FUTURE CONTRACTING. (DEC 1988), H.15 ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST AVOIDANCE PLAN, L.35 (b) Organizational Conflict of Interest Avoidance Plan, M.7 OTHER PLANS AND DATA.
23				Does the Instrumentation and Data Acquisition Development Lab issue weather warnings?	No. The Air Force 45th Space Wing Weather office issues weather warnings.
24				What is on the Cryo Facility computer servers?	Cryo Facility data is housed on the servers - part of PWS 1.7.
25	B	B.6	(b)(5) (d)	The referenced clause requires the Contractor to recognize the sick leave and vacation accrual rates of incumbent contractor personnel who will be hired on the ESC. In order to allow accurate pricing of this component of the offeror's fringe benefit package and ensure that all offerors are bidding to the same level of benefit as required by the clause, will the Government provide the sick and vacation accrual rates and schedules of all relevant incumbent contracts? In addition, will the Government provide the demographics of the incumbent workforce(s) so that offerors may accurately estimate and price any vacation or sick accruals which are based on incumbent employees' years of service?	See Amendment 001 of the draft RFP released on Monday, October 19, 2009 in NAIS.